



FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent

Peace Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 2:00 & 3:30 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20 & 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Furgeson, Senior Pastor, 601-1039

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NOVEMBER 29, 2020

SATURDAY DRIVE-IN SERVICE
TUNE TO FM 90.1 ON YOUR RADIO

Please register your attendance by visiting www.peacelutheranstl.org
- **ATTENTION SUNDAY (IN SANCTUARY) WORSHIPERS** -
**LOOK TO THE DESIGNATED USHERS AND ELDERS TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH
SEATING AND EXIT PROCEDURES.**

MEN'S CLUB would like to send a great big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time last Sunday to unload the Christmas trees! Wow! Many hands make the burden light, and we are grateful!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, flower money collected to decorate our sanctuary for our Easter 2020 weekend will be used to purchase Christmas 2020 poinsettias and Easter 2021 palms, lilies/azaleas.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE is Sunday, December 20, at 3:00p.m. (sold out) and 6:30p.m. Tickets are free, but required to attend. Tickets may be obtained online at www.peacestlmusic.org or from the church office. Social distancing will be practiced, and each concert is limited to 100 people.

NON-PERISHABLE AND CANNED food items welcome through tomorrow, November 30, to benefit the Seminary Food Pantry and Feed My People. (Plate offering Thanksgiving Day supports Feed My People, Peace Bread Box, and LFCS.)

ONCE A VACCINE IS READILY AVAILABLE, and County health restrictions are removed, Peace Elders have resolved to “switch to both an outdoor and an indoor service for no more than four weeks before discontinuing the outdoor service and returning to its normal schedule of a 5:00p.m. (Saturday), and 8:00a.m., 9:20a.m., and 10:30a.m. indoor services.” (Approved 11/23/20)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

* = Stand

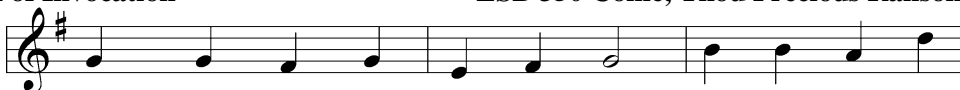
C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

Confession and Absolution

*Hymn of Invocation

LSB 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C A _____ men

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

***Introit**

Psalm 25:1-3

P Behold, your king is coming to you;
C **righteous and having salvation.**

P To you, O LORD,
C **I lift up my soul.**

P O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
C **let not my enemies exult over me.**

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
C **they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

*Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

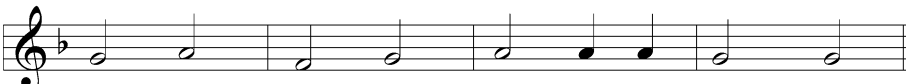


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let Us Pray. . .



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

*Alleluia



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.



Hymn of the Day

LSB 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;
7 O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, But has - ten our sal - va - tion;



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been
We of - ten trem - ble on our way In fear and trib - u -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan
la - tion. O hear and grant our fer - vent plea: Come, might - y



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!
judge, and set us free From death and ev - 'ry e - vil.

Sermon

“How Near is Christ’s Return?”

(Mark 13:24-26)

Anthem

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Swedish folk Tune, Arranged: Sondra Tucker

Prepare the way. O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet one who comes on glory, foretold in sacred story.

O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!

Christ brings God's rule, O Zion, He comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.

O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!

*Fling wide your gates, O Zion! Your Savior's rule embrace,
 And tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
 All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
 O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!*

***Offertory**



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

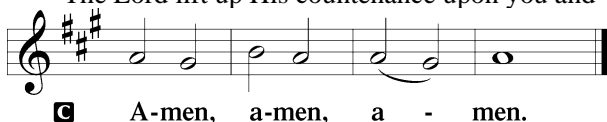
***Prayer of the Church**

***The Lord's Prayer**

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

***Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

*Silent Prayer

*Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens
Liturgist: Saturday: Pastor Robert M. Brown; Sunday: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson
Choir: Chancel Voices
Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM
Pianist: Cathy Boemler
Choir Dir: Burnell Hackman, DMM
Sat. Cantor: Alex Arensmeier
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Rick Goodman/Dennis Gerfen

DRIVE-IN SERVICE NEWS To accommodate for the Men's Club Tree Lot, we will be holding drive-in services at 2:00p.m. and 3:30p.m. For future reference, if weather conditions are not desirable for drive-in services, a decision will be made by noon on that Saturday whether the services will be cancelled or not. If they are cancelled, we will post it on the Peace website. Note, only the Saturday services would be cancelled. Sunday services would go on as scheduled.

ALL ADVENT DINNERS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED due to new COVID restrictions. Services at 6:15p.m. will go on as scheduled.

75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER POSTPONED Due to new COVID restrictions, the 75th anniversary dinner has been postponed. Please watch the bulletins and newsletters for a re-scheduled date.

THE GIVING TREE is near the entrances of Peace. If you would like to participate, please take a tag from one of the trees, purchase the gift, and return it, unwrapped, to the Christmas tree outside of the church office by Sunday, December 13. The gifts will be distributed by Feed My People to families in need during the Christmas season.

SUNDAY MORNING KFUO HELP NEEDED More people are needed to assist with the weekly production of the KFUO broadcasts. Engineers are needed to operate the mixer, but we also need announcers. Contact Alan H. if interested.

CORRECTION: The service on Christmas Day will be held at **9:30am**, not 9:20am as listed on the front page of the newsletter.

THE LADIES GUILD wishes to thank you for your contributions of food, personal items, and gift cards for the Jefferson Barracks Veterans Food Pantry. Peace, along with Gethsemane Lutheran in Lemay, donated more than 80 cases of supplies. This was one of the largest donations the JB Veterans Pantry has ever received. We sincerely thank you for your generosity for this worthy endeavor.

LADIES GUILD MEETING CANCELLED The December 17 Ladies Guild meeting has been cancelled. Please watch the bulletin for future meeting dates.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2020

<u>Monday, November 30:</u>	3:30 – GP Practice 7:00 – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
<u>Tuesday, December 1:</u>	9:00 – Quilters 3:30 – GP Practice
<u>Wednesday, December 2:</u>	4:00 – 5 th /6 th /7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation 5:15 – Chancel Schola Rehearsal 6:15 – Advent Worship Service 7:00 – Chancel Voices Rehearsal
<u>Thursday, December 3:</u>	3:30 – GP Practice 7:00 – Chancel Singers Rehearsal
<u>Friday, December 4:</u>	3:30 – GP Practice
<u>Saturday, December 5:</u>	2:00/3:30 – Drive-in Worship Services
<u>Sunday, December 6:</u>	8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services